ghats had to be constructed at Nelpura *kadavu*, Dhanapadikkal and Kartikapalli. A *vishavaidyasala* was an imperative necessity. There was a scheme before the Council for the improvement of the Kartikapalli street costing about Rs. 500 and the Government had advanced a loan of Rs. 250 for the purpose. The work was taken in hand only towards the close of 1100. All the above-said needs could be supplied only with the aid of fresh funds. With the object of raising money for the above purposes, the sanction of the Government was solicited for the levy of toll on motor vehicles, spring-carts, etc. But the sanction was not given. Some 25 or 30 motor buses were travelling through the town making the roads dusty. In order to prevent the spread of tuberculosis and other diseases caused by the dust, the roads had to be watered. That again could not be done without adequate funds. In the circumstances, the levy of a toll on motor vehicles, etc., by the Municipal Council should be sanctioned and two tollgates—one at Kartikapalli and the other west of Dhanapadi—should be opened. The tollgate at the southern end of the town in the Nangiarkulangara-Haripad road might be transferred to the Public Works Department.

Toll on *valloms* was being levied at Alleppey, Kottayam, Changanachery, Kayankulam and other places. It should be levied at Haripad also.

A sum of Rs. 1,000 should be lent to the local Municipal Council for the immediate improvement of the town and the loan should be made re-payable in five equal annual instalments with interest at the rate allowed to depositors in Savings Banks. The loan already advanced would be completely repaid before drawing the fresh loan.

The member said that the Municipal Council would supply the necessary money required for the acquisition of land for the construction of landing ghats at the Nelpura landing.

The cocoanut trees in the taluk were damaged by a pest. Cocoanut cultivation was the occupation of half the number of inhabitants of the taluk. Cocoanut, *copra*, cocoanut oil, *punnac*, coir, cables, cocoanut-husks, etc., were the chief articles of export from the State and more than 56 per cent. of the export duty was derived therefrom. The value of the articles exported worked out to 4 or 5 crores of rupees. The development of cocoanut cultivation should therefore receive the most earnest attention of the Government. The labours of the Agricultural Department to find out means for combating the pest had proved vain. An expert scientist, from a foreign country, say Germany, France or the United States of America, should be got down for the purpose.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Subbaraya Aiyar, in regard to what you said about the cocoanut pest, I refer you to the reply I gave on the same subject to last year's Municipal representative, Mr. P. M. Thomas, when the Assembly met here last year. If you have not got a copy, the Secretary will supply you with a copy in due course if you write and ask him.

With regard to the re-opening and protecting the silted water channels and removal of the strip of land at Viyapuram I am afraid that nothing can be done this year, as it is now too late.

Then you deal with several matters which concern the Municipality and it is for them to move in the matter. I will tell you at once that you need not entertain any great hope of a remission of a share in the tolls.

As regards the *vishavaidyasala* and other forms of medical relief within the Municipality, that is a matter entirely for the Municipality.

The other points will be noted for consideration in due course.

139. Urgent needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

MR. MANIKETTU MADHAVA MENON (*Member, Municipal Council, Mavelikara*) said that the Valiakulam situated in the middle of the Mavelikara town and very useful for bathing purposes, was silted up by the sand from the eastern and western banks during the rainy season, and its banks were in disrepair. The tank should be repaired and convenient bathing ghats constructed.

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The flight of steps at the bathing ghat at Kandiyur *Arattukadavu* was in disrepair and unfit for use. The tank being very useful to the inhabitants of Kandiyur and other neighbouring places for bathing purposes, the flight of steps at the ghat should be repaired at an early date.

The portion of the Mavelikara-Pandalam road on the eastern side of the Tazhakara bridge was narrow, dirty and in disrepair. Epidemics were frequent at the surrounding places which were congested. Motor vehicles were often passing along the road and unless the above-said portion of it were widened, accidents were likely to occur.

The Kochikkal-Panachamud village road should be metalled and repaired. That was the easiest route to the Kayankulam-Mannar road and to Panachamud from Mavelikara. Only lands for a length of a furlong near the Kattuvalli temple need be acquired. It would be a convenient pathway to Mavelikara, especially for the school-going children of Kannamangalam and other places.

The lanes within the municipal limits of Mavelikara were dirty, narrow and unfit for use. They should be improved. As the Municipal Council had not sufficient funds, it could not undertake the work ; the Government should therefore arrange for this work being done at their cost or a special grant should be given to the Council for the purpose.

There were no urinals attached to the Training School and the Fort Primary School, and the adjoining roads and lands were therefore in an insanitary condition. It was a nuisance to the public at large and particularly to the officers in the Anchal Office, Police Station, and Taluk Cutcherry which were situated near the schools.

The absence of a latrine for the use of the students living in the boarding house attached to the Special School was also a source of inconvenience to the inmates and of nuisance to the public. A latrine should therefore be constructed at an early date.

The number of drunkards frequenting the liquor shops within the municipal limits was on the increase. They constituted a menace to the public peace. The shops should be removed outside the town limits. The Council had already passed a resolution to the above effect.

Lastly, in order to improve its finances, the Municipal Council, Mavelikara, should be allowed to levy tolls on vehicles.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Madhava Menon, in regard to the repair of the Valiakulam tank, that is a matter for the Municipality.

The member said that the tank was under the Maramat Department.

DEWAN: Then, I will have the matter brought to the notice of the Maramat Department.

As regards the Kandiyur *Arattukadavu*, a sum of Rs. 7,900 has been sanctioned for the work already. Funds will be allotted this year, and I hope the Public Works Department will be able to complete the work this year.

The question of widening some of the public roads is being examined by the Public Works Department ; and so too the question of metalling the roads from the Kochikkal bridge to Panachamud.

In regard to the widening of town lanes, you must go to the Municipality for that ; so also for the other needs of the Municipality.

In regard to the construction of urinals in the schools you mentioned, the Director of Public Instruction agrees with you that it is an urgent necessity and the matter is being taken up.

In regard to the removal of the liquor shops from the Municipal limits, that is a matter which the Excise Commissioner is enquiring into, and next time he visits Mavelikara, I am sure he will pay personal attention to it.

In regard to the levy of tolls, I do not think you can hope for a remission in regard to that.

140. Needs of the Alleppey town.

MR. V. JACOB OOMMAN (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) spoke about the unsatisfactory condition of the roads in the Alleppey town. Representations made to the Municipal Council were of no avail as, for want of funds, they

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